1920’s Slang Terms

Pretend you are living in the 1920’s, write a five paragraph letter to a friend describing what you did for your spring break. The letter must include at least 25 words from this list of slang terms. Underline the name as you use it. Typed letters will receive 20 extra points

* All Wet - Describes an erroneous idea or individual, as in, "he's all wet."
* Applesauce - an explative; same as horsefeathers, As in "Ah applesauce!"
* Bee's Knees - An extraordinary person, thing, idea; the ultimate.
* Berries - That which is attractive or pleasing; similar to bee's knees, As in "It's the berries."
* Big Cheese - The most important or influential person; boss. Same as big shot.
* Blind Date - going out with someone you do not know
* Bluenose - An excessively puritanical person, a prude, Creator of "the Blue Nozzle Curse."
* Bump Off - To murder, To kill.
* Cake-Eater - An effete ladies' man, or someone who attends tea parties.
* Carry a Torch - To have a crush on someone.
* Cat's Meow - Something splendid or stylish; similar to bee's knees; The best or greatest, wonderful.
* Cat's Pajamas - Same as cat's meow.
* Cheaters - Eyeglasses.
* Crush - An infatuation.
* Darb - An excellent person or thing (as in "the Darb" - a person with money who can be relied on to pay the check).
* Dogs - feet.
* Drugstore Cowboy - a guy that hangs around on a street corner trying to pick up girls
* Dumb Dora - a stupid female.
* Fall Guy - Victim of a frame.
* Flapper - A stylish, brash, hedonistic young woman with short skirts and shorter hair.
* Flat Tire - A dull witted, insipid, disappointing date. Same as pill, pickle, drag, rag, oilcan.
* Frame - To give false evidence, to set up someone.
* Gams - A woman's legs.
* Giggle Water - An intoxicating beverage; alcohol.
* Gin Mill - An establishment where hard liquor is sold; bar.
* Hard Boiled - a tough, strong guy.
* Heebie-Jeebies - The jitters.
* High-Hat - To snub.
* Hooch - Bootleg liquor
* Hoofer - Dancer.
* Horsefeathers - an explative; same usage as applesauce.
* Hotsy-Totsy - Pleasing.
* Jake - OK, as in, "Everything is Jake."
* Jalopy - Old car.
* Joint - A club, usually selling alcohol.
* Keen - Attractive or appealing.
* Kisser - Mouth.
* Line - Insincere flattery.
* Lounge Lizard - a guy that is sexually active.
* Moll - A gangster's girl.
* Neck - Kissing with passion.
* Ossified - a drunk person.
* Pet - Same as neck, but more so.
* Pinch - To arrest.
* Pushover - A person easily convinced or seduced.
* Ritzy - Elegant (from the hotel).
* Scram - Ask someone to leave immediately.
* Sheba - A woman with sex appeal (from the move Queen of Sheba) or (e.g. Clara Bow).
* Sheik - A man with sex appeal (from the Valentino movies).
* Speakeasy - An illicit bar selling bootleg liquor.
* Spiffy - An elegant appearance.
* Struggle Buggy - the backseat of a car. A parent's worst nightmare.
* Stuck On - Having a crush on.
* Swanky - Ritzy.
* Swell - Wonderful. Also: a rich man.
* Take for a Ride - To drive off with someone in order to bump them off.
* Torpedo - A hired gun.
* Upchuck - To vomit when one has drunk too much.
* Whoopee - To have a good time.